

I think it is not at all impossible or improbable that he has given grounds for the opinion. Yet with his infirmities a *decided push* might fix him. That he has *intended well*, I do not doubt, yet that is the slightest possible evidence that he will *do well*. Have a push made and continued.

I go to Pageots, where I hope to meet you, yet not remembering whether you have told me so, I write this note.

Corwin's speech with all the bad taste, was somewhat magnificent.

Yrs truly  
W. P. MANGUM

To  
Col. J. Watson Webb.

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*Jeremiah Pearsall<sup>42</sup> to Willie P. Mangum.*

DUPLIN CO. SERECTA P. O. N. C. 12th Feby. 1847

Honble. W. P. Mangum

Dear Sir,

A slight personal acquaintance formed some years ago in Raleigh, when I was there an humble member of the N. C. Legislature, and you on your way to Washington City as a representative from the Hilsboro district, together with our political relationship, since that time, emboldens me to write you, which if presumptuous, you will please pardon—

First, Have you any influence with the head of the P. O. department? if so, I would ask for myself & neighbors your kind interference in making some alterations on the Post Route from Stricklands or Warsaw in Duplin, to Stantonsburg in Edgecomb. At present, the mails from Newbern, Wilmington & Fayetteville arrives at Kenansville on *every* Friday; and the mail from Stricklands or Warsaw passes Kenansville on every Wednesday; therefore *all* the communications for the different offices to Stantonsburg, remains at Kenansville from Friday till Wednesday; *a very great delay*, and which may be corrected

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<sup>42</sup>For a brief skerch of Pearsall see above, II, 253, 462. For the reply to this complaint see below S. R. Hobbin to W. P. Mangum, February 19, 1847.